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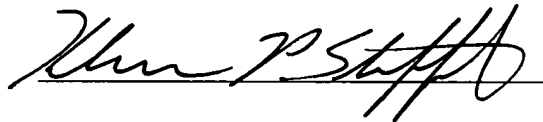
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This amendment is submitted simultaneously with the filing of the present application.

With this amendment, applicants have amended the specification, canceled claim 1-8 and added new claims 9-17, all in an effort to place the application in better condition for examination.

Favorable action on the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Klaus P. Stoffel', written over a horizontal line.

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